

(e) and (f). The IIT Review Committee while assessing the performance of IITs in 1986 has commended the contributions made by IITs in fulfilling the basic objectives of technology innovation and training of highly skilled manpower for enhancing technoeconomic capability of the country. The achievements of the IITs are commensurate with the inputs.

Posting of Doctors in Tribal Areas

4276. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that doctors posted in rural areas are unwilling to join in tribal areas due to lack of proper communication or other facilities which are available in the urban areas;

(b) whether the Government propose to take any step to attract these doctors to go and work there; and

(c) if not, how the Government propose to solve their problem for the interest of the tribal people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). Health is a state subject under the Constitution. Recruitment and posting of doctors are under the control of the State Governments. To induce doctors to work in tribal areas, the eighth and ninth Finance Commissions released Rs. 35.40 crores and Rs. 1.95 crores respectively for creating infrastructure facilities, housing units etc.

[*Translation*]

Facility for Replacement of Valves in Cardiac Patients

4277. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places where the

facility for the replacement of valves in cardiac patients is available in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to extend this facility to some more important places; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) As per the available information, some of the major Hospitals/Institutions where facility for the replacement of valves in cardiac patients exists are:

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi; G.B. Pant Hospital, New Delhi; All India Heart Foundation, New Delhi. Seth G.S. & KEM Hospital, Bombay; Sree Chitra Tirumal Institute of Medical Science and Technology, Trivendrum; Christain Medical College, Vellore etc. etc.

(b) There is no such proposal.

(c) As 'Health' is a State subject under the constitution, it is for the respective State Governments to make available adequate medicare facilities.

[*English*]

Sub-Standard Homoeopathic Drugs

4278. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a flood of spurious and sub-standard homeopathic drugs in the country; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, instances of Homoeopathic drugs both